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Running backs coach has been a sparkplug on the recruiting trail for the Eagles Football

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STATESBORO - Georgia Southern head football coach [Chad Lunsford](#) announced Tuesday the promotion of assistant coach [Chris Foster](#) to the role of recruiting coordinator for the Eagles. Foster, who is entering his third season as Georgia Southern's running backs coach, adds the title for the 2018 season.

"[Chris Foster](#) is a really good football coach and has done a good job here at Georgia Southern," Lunsford said. "He is a guy who is a tireless recruiter and is a very organized individual. Chris deserves this chance to coordinate our recruiting operations and I cannot wait for him to get started fully in this role."

In his first season at GS, the Eagle running backs combined to rush for 1,639 yards and 15 touchdowns while catching five touchdown passes. [Matt Breida](#) signed a free agent contract with the San Francisco 49ers following the 2017 NFL Draft and has gone on to play meaningful snaps for the squad.

In 2017, the Eagles led the Sun Belt in rushing yards as four running backs combined to rush for 1,699 yards and 14 touchdowns. Junior [Wesley Fields](#) led the squad with 811 yards and five scores, earning honorable mention all-conference honors.

Foster also has had stops at Maryville (TN) College, Appalachian State and Gardner-Webb, giving the program a recruiting boost each time.

"I'm excited about this opportunity and I appreciate Chad having trust in me to fill this position," Foster said. "It's nice to have a head coach who loves recruiting as much as I do and that makes my job as the recruiting coordinator that much easier. Recruiting is the lifeline of the program and if you don't do it every day, it's going to show."

Foster began his coaching career immediately upon his graduation from Gardner-Webb, where he was one of the program's all-time best rushers from 2000-03. A two-time all-Big South running back, Foster ranked sixth in GWU history at the time of his graduation (and seventh currently) with 1,883 career rushing yards.

He was also a two-time first-team academic all-district honoree, making him one of only two student-athletes in Gardner-Webb football history to earn the prestigious recognition multiple times.

A Chesnee, South Carolina, native, Foster was a South Carolina Mr. Football award finalist and the Appalachian 2A Conference Player of the Year at Chesnee High in 2000. He graduated from GWU in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

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